

THE HUMBLE
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Both Houses of Parliament :

Presented to His M A J E S T Y on the 24th
of November.

With His M A J E S T Y's gracious

A N S W E R
 thereunto.

Also, a Proclamation for the better Govern-
 ment of His M A J E S T Y's Army.



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To the Kings most Excellent Majesty:

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L O R D S and C O M M O N S assembled
in Parliament.

May it please your M A J E S T Y;



*I*t is humbly desired by both houses of Parliament, That Your Majesty will be pleased to return to Your Parliament with Your Royall, not Your martiall Attendance; To the end that Religion, Laws, and Liberties may be settled and secured by their advice; Finding by a late and sad accident, That Your Majesty is environ'd by some such Counsells as doe rather perswade a desperate division, then a joyning and a good agreement with Your Parliament and People. And Wee shall be ready to give Your Majesty assurances of such security, as may be for Your Honour, and the safety of Your Royall Person.

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HIS MAJESTIES
A N S W E R
 To the aforesaid Petition.



We expected such Propositions from you as
 might speedily remove and prevent the mi-
 serie and Desolation of this Kingdom, and
 that for the effecting thereof (We now re-
 siding at a convenient place not farre from
 Our Citie of *London*) Committees from
 both Our Houses of Parliament should attend Us (for
 you pretended by your Message to Us at *Colebrooke* that
 those were your Desires) Instead thereof (and thereby
 let all the world judge of the designe of that Overture)
 We have onely received your humble Petition, That
 We would be pleased to returne to Our Parliament with
 Our Royall not Our Martiall Attendance. Altho
 good Subjects that remember what We have so often
 told you and them upon this subject, and what hath since
 past, must with Indignation looke upon this Message,
 as intended by the Contrivers thereof for a Scorne to
 Us, and thereby designed by that malignant party of
 whom We have so often complained, whose safety and
 Ambition is built upon the Divisions and Ruines of
 this Kingdome, and who have too great an Influence
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upon your Actions) for a Wall of Separation betwixt Us and Our People. We have told you the reasons why We parted from *London*, how We were chased thence, and by whom. We have often complained that the greatest part of Our Peers, and of the Members of Our House of Commons could not with safety to their Honours and Persons, continue and Vote freely among you, but by violence and cunning practises were debarred of those Priviledges which their Birth-rights, and the Trust reposed in them by their Countries gave them. The truth whereof may sufficiently appear by the small number of those that are with you. We have offered you to meet both Our Houses in any place free and convenient for Us and them, but We never could receive the least satisfaction in any of these particulars, nor for those scandalous and seditious Pamphlets and Sermons which swarmed amongst you. That's all one, you tell Us, it is now for Our Honor, and the Safety of Our Royall Person, to return to Our Parliament, wherein your formerly denying Us a Negative voyce, gives Us cause to beleieve, that by giving your selves that name without Us, you intend not to acknowledge Us to be part of it. The whole Kingdom knowes that an Army was raised under pretence of Orders of both Houses (an usurpation never heard of before in any age) which Army hath pursued Us in Our own Kingdom, gave Us Battaille at *Weymouth*, and endeavoured to take away the life of Us and Our Children, and yet these Rebels being newly recreated and possessed of Our Citty of *London* we are courteously invited to return to Our Parliament there, that is, into the power of this Army. Doth this signifie any other thing, then that since the traiterous endeavours of those desperate men could

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not snatch the Crown from Our Head (it being defended by the providence of God, and the Affections and Loyalty of Our good Subjects) We should now tamely come up and give it them, and put Our selves, Our Life, and the Lives, Liberties and fortunes of all Our good Subjects into their mercifull hands: Well, We thinke not fit to give any other Answer to this part of your Petition. But as We impute not this Affront to both Our Houses of Parliament, nor to the major part of those that are now present there, but to that dangerous Party We and the whole Kingdom must cry out upon, So We shall for our good Subjects sake, and out of our most tender sense of their miseries and the generall Calamities of this Kingdom, which must (if this Warre continue) speedily overwhelm this whole Nation, take no Advantage of it; But if you shall really pursue what you presented to Us at *Colebrooke*, We shall make good all that We then gave you in Answer to it; Whereby the hearts of Our distressed Subjects may be raised with the Hopes of Peace, without which, Religion, the Lawes and Liberties can no way be settled and secured. Touching the late and sad Accident you mention, If you thereby intend that of *Brainceford*, We desire you once to deal ingeniously with the People, and to let them see Our last Message to you, and Our Declaration to them concerning the same, (both which We sent to Our Presse at *London*, but were taken away from Our Messenger, and not suffered to be published) and then We doubt not but they will be soon undeceived, and easily finde out those Counsels, which do rather perswade a desperate Division, then a good agreement betwixt Us, Our two Houses, and People.

F I N I S.

By the King.

A PROCLAMATION for the better Govern-
ment of His Majesties Army, and for the preventing
on the Plundering, Spoiling, and Robbing of His Ma-
jesties Subjects, under any Pretence whatsoever,
upon pain of the punishments herein declared.

WE having taken into Our Princely and serious
Consideration the great misery and ruine falling,
and likely to fall upon Our good Subjects (if not timely pre-
vented) by the Plundering, Robbing, and Spoiling of their
houses, and taking from them their Money, Plate, Household
stuff, Cattle, and other goods, under pretence of their being
disaffected to Us and Our Service; And these unjust and un-
lawfull Actions done by divers Souldiers of Our Army, and
others heltring themselves in the same, under that Title;
Have, of Our tender commiseration of such their sufferings,
as detesting all such horrid and barbarous proceedings, and for
their future defence and preservation, thought fit to publish
and declare Our Royall Pleasure to be; That from hence-
forth no Officer, Souldier, of Horse or Foot, or Party sent
from Our Army, presume to search for, or seize upon any Mo-
ney, Plate, Goods, or Householdstuff, belonging to any of Our
Subjects, of what Condition soever, without Our expresse
Warrant for the same, under Our Sign Manuall, declaring
the cause of such seizure: And if any, either Officer or Sould-
ier of Our Army of Horse or Foot, presume from henceforth,
to Plunder, Spoil, or Rob any of Our People, or take from
them any their Money, Plate, Householdstuff, or any Cren,
Sheep, or other Cattle, or any Victuals, Corn, Hay, or other
Commodities or Provisions going to, or from any Our Mar-
kets or otherwise, being in the Towns, Houses, or Posses-
sion

nor of any Our Subjects, without giving full satisfaction for
 the same: Upon complaint made thereof, We will and com-
 mand the Officer in chief of the Quarter, within which such
 fact shall be committed, to proceed against such Offender or
 offenders by the Law partiall, without favour or connivence,
 & cause him or them to be executed accordingly without mercy.
 And if any Officer in chief of such Quarter, shall either neg-
 lect or refuse to do Justice upon any person whatsoever, offend-
 ing against any particular herein mentioned, Our Will is,
 and We do require the party grieved to repair unto Us,
 wheresoever We shall remain, and appeal to Our Justice,
 which we shall be ever most ready to afford any of Our Sub-
 jects for redress of their suffering, in any the least kinde what-
 soever. Likewise, for the better Order in Our Army, and for
 the preservation of the due Government thereof, We do fur-
 ther strictly Charge and Command all Officers and Souldi-
 ers, both of Horse and Foot of the same, as also all Parties
 sent out, That they, nor any of them, presume to depart or be
 absent from their Quarter, without a Wasse or Licens'e under
 the Hand of the Officer commanding in chief in such Quar-
 ter of Our Army, upon pain of death; nor that any other, but
 such Our Officer in chief, presume to give any Wasse or other
 Licens'e to any Officer or Souldier to be absent, upon pain of
 cashiering. And that Our pleasure herein declared, may be
 fully observed, and produce the effects We intend, for the good
 and security of Our Subjects, We do hereby further require
 all the Officers commanding in chief, in any the Quarters of
 Our Army, to cause this Our Proclamation to be published
 and made known to all the Officers and Souldiers under
 their Command, and to see that severe and due punishment
 be inflicted upon such, as shall henceforth offend against any
 the least Particulars herein before mentioned, as they and
 every of them expect to avoid Our high displeasure for the
 neglect thereof.

Given at Our Court at *Reading*, the 25 day of *November*, in
 the eighteenth Yeer of Our Raighn.

God save the King.